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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS A RECORD OF MY JANUARY 7 1975 CONVERSATION WITH CHAIRMAN OF THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMISSION, ANDERS THUMBORG, AS A FOLLOW-ON TO OUR DECEMBER 27 MEETING, AND SPECIFICALLY ON SWEDISH AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY'S COOPERATION WITH NORWAY IN THE MANUFACTURE OF THE LIGHT WEIGHT FIGHTER (REFTEL). THE SWEDES WERE TOLD BY THE NORWEGIANS THAT A DETERIORATING ECONOMY IN WESTERN EUROPE COULD DELAY THE EXPECTED DECISION BY ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF THE FOUR COUNTRY CONSORTIUM ON THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT FOR THE F-104 AIRCRAFT. END SUMMARY.

SUBSEQUENT TO MY DECEMBER 27 CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. THUNBORG, HE COMMUNICATED WITH THE NORWEGIANS ON THE SUBJECT OF A POSSIBLE ROLE FOR SWEDEN'S AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY TO COOPERATE WITH NORWAY IN THE MANUFACTURE OF THE LIGHT WEIGHT FIGHTER. HE WAS ADVISED BY GEN HAMRE, CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF
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THE FOUR NATION CONSORTIUM, THAT BEFORE THE NORWEGIANS COULD

DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF SWEDISH COOPERATION, A DECISION HAD TO BE REACHED AMONG THE FOUR COUNTRIES ON THE LIGHT WEIGHT FIGHTER SELECTION. HOWEVER, THUNBORG SAID GEN HAMRE'S EARLIER OPTIMISM THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE HAS NOW WANED CONSIDERABLY. HE IS CONCERNED THAT THE DANES AND POSSIBLY THE DUTCH MAY DEFER A DECISION ON THE F-104 REPLACEMENT FOR SOME TIME, DUE TO THE DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION IN WESTERN EUROPE. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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